MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative LaJoy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland, Condino, Tobocman. (15/17)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Casperson, Moore. (2/17)

Representative Gosselin made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2006, supported by Representative Byrnes. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 297 before the Committee.

SB 297 Cropsey Vehicles; motorcycles; requirement of wearing crash helmets; provide exceptions under certain circumstances.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding SB 297:

Jim Rhoades, Legislative Director of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of Michigan, in support

Vince Consiglio, representing ABATE of Michigan, in support

Sgt. Matt Bolger and Lt. Thad Peterson, representing the Michigan State Police (MSP), in opposition

Arlene Gorelick, representing the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, in opposition Hal Fruot, in opposition

Michael Dabbs, President of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, in opposition Lawrence Katkowsky, representing ABATE of Michigan, in support

Peter Kuhnmuench, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, in opposition Heather Drake, representing AAA of Michigan, in opposition

Cards for HB 297 were submitted by:

Terry Vanderveen, representing the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians, in opposition

Kevin McKinney, representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Rehabilitation Association, and the Michigan Brain Injury Providers Council, in opposition

Dave Finkbeiner, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, in opposition

Tom Masseau, representing the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, in opposition

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Felicia Wasson, representing Ascension Health, in opposition

Carmel Roberts, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, in opposition

Lance Binoniemi, representing the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, in support

Representative Gosselin made a motion to report SB 297 with recommendation, supported by Representative Meyer.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, Gosselin, Meyer, Nitz, Pavlov, Anderson, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland, Condino. (10/17)

Nays: Representatives David Law, Wenke, Pearce, Byrnes, Tobocman. (5/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (10/5/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Nitz made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Meyer. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair LaJoy declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:34 a.m.

Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538